THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A colony of about 700 houses is being developed on the outskirts of Bhopal. 425 houses have since been completed out of which about 300 houses have been occupied by the staff.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Unused land in the Railways

2207. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment to find out the acreage of land belonging to Railways lying unused for a long time in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such land in each State; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to utilise the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as per estimates available, about 61,000 hectare of railway land is lying vacant at present.

(c) The railway land which is lying vacant will be required for Railways' developmental works in future. There is also a proposal for exploring the feasibility of commercially exploiting space over railway land and land presently lying vacant, without obstructing the use of the land by Railways when required. This matter is in the processing stage.

Improvements in working of Ports

2208. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 4,000 crores are required during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for improving the port facilities in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A Working Group of the Ministry examined the requirements of the various ports and assessed that an amount of Rs. 4204 crores would be required during the 8th Five Year Plan for improving the port facilities in the country.

(b) Improvement of port facilities is a continuous process. In the 7th Plan, thrust was on the following:

i. development of infrastructure;
ii. modernisation of port facilities;
iii. development of facilities to handle containers;
iv. deepening of ports-on a selective basis;
v. improvement in productivity of labour and equipment.
vi. improvement in financial viability; and
vii. encouraging private sector participation in certain areas such as ship repair, dry docking, container handling etc.

The thrust for improvement of port facilities in the 8th plan is on:

i. development of infra-structure in ports in consonance with the overall economic growth;
ii. increasing level of containerisation in the country;
iii. dedpening of ports for handling the bigger sized ships in ore handling ports;
iv. mechanisation of loading/unloading facilities; and
v. improving productivity in labour and equipment.

Vehicles with Central Red Light

2209. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of private vahicles in Delhi are having Central Red Light on their bonnets;

(b) if so, the significance thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware

that some vehicle owners have also got Central Red Lights fitted on their vehicles without any authority;

(d) whether the move on the part of vehicle owners is due to non-checking of vehicles by officials of Transport Directorate of Delhi Administration;

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not common to have red light on the bonnets. Red light on top of the body of the vehicle is allowed on the vehicles that need priority clearance on the roads, especially emergency vehicles like police, fire and ambulance services.

(c) to (f) No such use of central red light by unauthorised vehicles has been has been observed or particularly reported to Delhi Traffic Police.

Action against unauthorised use of central red light will be taken as per provisions of law, if and when such unauthorised use is observed or brought to the notice of the police.

Action Against Conductors/Drivers of DTC

2210. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt. have taken action aqainst a DTC conductor who molested a woman in the third week of December, 1991 and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of DTC conductors/drivers against whom complaints of such harassment and misbehaviour with women were received during the last three months; and

(c) the details of the action, if any, taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The Conductor has been placed under suspension w.e.f. 20-12-91.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

S.No.	Date of Incident	Category	Brief of Incident	Action/Penalties Imposed
1	2	3	4	5
1	8-1-92	Driver	Driver did not allow a lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate and misbehaved with her.	Charge sheet issued to the driver and enquiry is under process.
2	8-1-92	Driver	Driver did not allow a lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate. He caught her with hair and beaten her.	The driver has been placed under suspension and enquiry is under process.
3	8.1.92	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate and used filthy language.	The driver has been 'Warned'.
4	15.1.92	Driver	Misbehaved with lady passenger.	The driver has been 'Cautioned'.
5	16.1.92	Conductor	Refused to give complaint book to lady passenger.	The conductor has been 'Cautioned'
6	16.1.92	Driver	Driver misbehaved with lady passenger.	The driver has been 'Advised'